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**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 98-8-17**

Date Prepared: August 13, 1998
For Work Week Commencing: August 17, 1998
Business Meeting: August 17, 1998, 8:30 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. PacifiCorp Docket D97.7.91 – Discuss and act on modifying procedural schedule/Order and hearing dates (8/17/98)
2. GFG Docket D98.3.68 – Discuss and act on GFG's Motion regarding CCE discovery responses and other matters if necessary (8/17/98)
3. Cascade Gas Docket D97.12.228 – Action on Final Order (8/17/98)
4. Y2K Docket N98.6.138 – Discussion, direction and action on second draft NOI and questionnaire on Y2K (8/17/98)
5. USWC Forbearance filing Docket N98.8.175 – To consider filing, objections of Mid-Rivers and reply of USWC (8/17/98)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:15 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. PROJECT TELEPHONE CO – Docket N98.8.173 (Tina)

On August 4, 1998, Project Telephone Co filed changes to its Vacation Service tariff. Reference to operator service is eliminated and clarification is made to the text relating to restoral of service.

2. VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS – Docket N98.8.174 (Tina)

On August 4, 1998, Valley Telecommunications filed changes to its Vacation Service tariff. Reference to operator service is eliminated and clarification is made to the text relating to restoral of service.

3. PROJECT TELEPHONE CO – Docket N98.8.176 (Tina)

On August 5, 1998, Project Telephone Company filed for a boundary change to the Crow Agency exchange to serve a customer who had no service.

4. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.7.166 (Vicki)

On July 22, 1998, US West filed tariff pages adding features to the list of services available in the business packages. Optional Calling Plans will include two new features: Business Daytime Connection Plus; and Volume Calling Connection. Listing Services will include: Internet E-mail White Page Listing; and Internet URL (website address) White Page Listing.

5. CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. - Docket N98.7.171(Vicki)

On July 30, 1998, Central Montana Communications filed tariff pages decreasing the internet plans' rates and adding new rates and plans.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. AT&T – Docket N98.8.181 (Tina)

On August 10, 1998, AT&T filed Advice 98-13. This filing is AT&T's Local Exchange Services Price List. It introduces AT&T Digital Link, which is a Local Exchange Service.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.8.186 (Kate)

On August 11, 1998, US West Communications filed to introduce Residential Win-Back under which US West will waive certain charges not to exceed \$100 to be determined by the company for customers who return to US West from a competing local carrier. The tariff is limited to 12 months.

3. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.8.187 (Bonnie)

On August 11, 1998, US West filed to include Wibaux as an exchange in the Competitive Zone Pricing section so that competitive zone pricing flexibility will apply to Wibaux.

4. PROJECT TELEPHONE COMPANY - Docket N98.8.178 (Vicki)

On August 6, 1998, Project Telephone filed a tariff page to change their service boundary in order to provide service to a customer who has no service at this time.

5. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY- Docket N98.8.180 (Vicki)

On August 10, 1998, Sprint filed tariff pages to: add a monthly usage credit option to Sprint Sense AnyTime; introduce Sprint Prepaid PhoneCard; change Sprint Sense residential toll free off-peak rate periods and add a per-month call waiver; and decrease Business Sense Dial 1, 800 and FONCARD rates for \$25 non-term commitment levels.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-8-24

Project Telephone Company - Docket N98.8.178 (Vicki)
Sprint Communications Company – Docket N98.8.180 (Vicki)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N98.8.178	Project Telephone - Proposed boundary change/Crow Agency – R.36E
N98.8.179	Cut Bank Gas - Proposed Universal System Benefits Plan
N98.8.180	Sprint - Various rate changes and Intro of Prepaid PhoneCard
N98.8.181	AT&T - Intro AT&T Digital Link
D98.8.182	MDU - Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment change
D98.8.183	MPC - Application for Immediate suspension of LTQF-1, Determination of new Avoided Costs and Termination of Standby Service
D98.8.184	USWC/Northwest Communications Network – Service Resale Agreement
N98.8.185	MT League of Cities & Towns - Application for Interim and Final Natural Gas Supplier License
N98.8.186	USWC - Residential WinBack
N98.8.187	USWC - Competitive Zone – Wibaux